

**APPROVED**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**April 26, 2010**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Vice-Chair Tam, Commissioners Lord-Hausman, Fort and Moore.  
Absent: Commissioners Kirola and Warren.

**2. MINUTES**

The March 22, 2010 minutes were approved with corrections.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)**

- 3-A. Kelly Harp, Community Resources for Independent Living announced that she is an applicant for the CDI.
- 3-B. Zoe Holder, of Alameda's Multicultural Center, announced that she is attending to participate in the follow up discussions regarding the April film events.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4-A. Fall and Fire Prevention (Erin Christ, CERT Coordinator)**

Erin Christ, AFD, spoke about a grant the Alameda Fire Department received to reduce 911 Injury calls by twenty-five percent through education and home safety protection. As part of the grant program, Ms. Christ conducts presentations at both public and private home settings. All homes inspected through the program have not been without a recommendation.

Chair Krongold asked if individuals with disabilities are included to which Ms. Christ responded yes.

Chair Krongold asked how people are finding out about the programs, to which Ms. Christ responded mainly through word of mouth.

Ms. Christ stated that following each home inspection, boy scouts go to the house to perform the recommendations based on the home safety inspection.

Secretary Akil asked about funding to which Ms. Christ stated that funding is provided by FEMA.

Commissioner Moore asked how the CDI could help get the word out to which Chair

Krongold suggested that she and Commissioner Lord-Hausman meet with the local press to discuss coverage options.

Commissioner Moore suggested passing information out at the booth during the Concert at the Cove. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated she is affiliated with various organizations in the City and could help get the word out.

Chair Krongold suggested that the CDI partner with AFD to help publicize program to the disabled community in Alameda.

Commissioner Tam stated there are approximately thirty seniors in his church, which he could reach out to about the program; Ms. Christ encouraged Commissioner Tam to do this.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman asked when the new code about mandatory smoke detectors came into effect, to which Ms. Christ stated that it only kicks in for new buildings or during the sale of a house.

4-B. **City of Alameda –ADA/HUD Grievance Policy (Secretary Akil)**

Secretary Akil reviewed the draft ADA/Section504 Grievance Policy and requested the Commission provide input and approval in order to finalize for the City.

Chair Krongold requested the Commission be given more time to read the policy. Secretary Akil agreed and requested that all comments be received no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup> as the City is required to finalize and publish the policy.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5-A. **Alameda Multicultural Community Center (Chair Krongold)**

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that although she was disappointed with the number of people who attended the first screening, the event and subsequent discussion of the film was substantial. It is a first step and generated positive feedback.

Commissioner Tam reiterated that it is a first step and a beginning toward creating more disability awareness in the community.

Chair Krongold stated that on April 26 the film, “Autism: the Musical” was shown, which Commissioner Moore put together, and requested discussion on how that event was received.

Commissioner Moore stated that she circulated fliers at multiple events which garnered

approximately 40 people in attendance. There was good panel discussion following the film. Everyone connected and was encouraged by the event. Commissioner Moore is working on collaborating a monthly film day for children with disabilities or Autism with the Alameda Multi-Cultural Center. Commissioner Moore is also working to create an Alameda Autism network within the city.

Ms. Holder stated that while she was disappointed with the number of attendees, this is a positive step and hopes to continue building on this with future events.

Commissioner Moore suggested a film festival next year.

5-B. **CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold)**

Chair Krongold stated that she would like to move forward with planning an event to celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of the ADA for the month of October, which is Disability Awareness Month.

Commissioner Moore stated that she is not sure how many people would attend but supports it.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman suggested expanding the October proclamation with a presentation during the October City Council meeting. Chair Krongold suggested a Power Point presentation to which Secretary Akil responded that would be fine as long as it does not exceed the time allowed by the City Manager's Office.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman would like to invite the Chair of the Housing Commission to give a presentation to the CDI during the May 24 meeting to which the Commission agreed. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would contact the Chair of that Commission.

5-C. **Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) (Commissioner Lord Hausman)**

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated they are still discussing the prioritization of funding for Measure B Funds.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6-A. Secretary Akil suggested the Commission have another Brown Act training in light of the newer members to which the Commission was responsive.

7. **ANNOUCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil  
Board Secretary